Use of Non-Conventional energy technologies available in advanced countries

31. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have obtained information about the various technologies/methodologies of generating energy through non-conventional methods available in advanced countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the methods adopted in such countries that are not in existence in India; and

(d) the steps taken to introduce new techniques in the area of non-conventional energy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Information about non-conventional energy generating technologies/methodologies available elsewhere is being obtained on a regular basis through technology mapping, commercial meets, bilateral discussions and seminars/symposia. Indian achievements with regard to non-conventional energy deployment are comparable to those of advanced countries like Japan, Europe and the USA. Deployment of a specific technology depends upon resource availability, technical feasibility and economic viability of harnessing that resource.

(d) Steps taken to introduce non-conventional energy technologies in the country include central financial assistance to research, development and deployment of such technologies.

Completion of the first phase of the Tehri Dam Project

†32. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the first phase of the Tehri Dam Project is likely to be completed;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.